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International Application Publication No. WO 96/42041,  
published December 27, 1996, of Levergood et al.  
**(Exhibit 1)**.

The Levergood reference was cited in an official action mailed July 6, 2004 in connection with Japanese patent application no. 2001-061999 which corresponds to this application. A copy of the July 6, 2004 Japanese-language official action and English-language translation thereof is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

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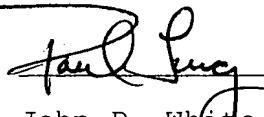
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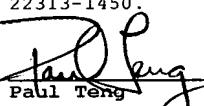
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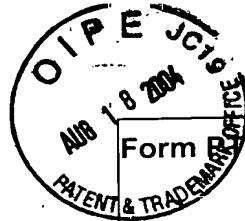


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